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| For: THERMAL OPTICAL TYPE VARIABLE     | : |                               |
| OPTICAL ATTENUATOR AND AN ARRAY TYPE   | ) |                               |
| VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR USING SAME | : |                               |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-referenced U.S. national stage patent application, and any calculation of filing fees, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.